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AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1. on **Saturday, October 22nd** at 2.30 p.m. Do not to forget to bring along a few pages for display and a note of any points it is desired to be discussed. Members are reminded that visitors are very welcome.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION 1960

Members will be interested to learn that the Circle was well represented at this Exhibition. No fewer than 27 members gained awards as indicated below and the Circle extends its heartiest congratulations on their success.

Gold

	Exhibit
R. A. G. Lee	Great Britain
J. B. Marriott	Trinidad

Gold-Silver

E. K. Lickfold	Barbados
H. J. Tucker, Jr.	British Honduras
Dr. R. H. Urwick	Portugal

Silver-Gilt

R. C. Agabeg	St. Helena
E. G. Creed	British New Guinea
C. E. Donne (2)	St. Helena
	Virgin Is.
'Geranium'	B. N. A,
R. A. G. Lee	Gambia
E. K. Lickfold	St. Vincent

Silver

R. C. Agabeg	Gold Coast
L. Baresch	Turkey
A. E. Beach	Tobago
B. R. Cameron	Jamaica
'Geranium'	Grenada
W. lrving	Ceylon
R. A. G. Lee	Cape of Good Hope
F. J. N. Nabarro	Dominica
W. A. Townsend (2)	British Guiana
	Montenegro
J. J. Turner	St. Vincent

Bronze

B.B. Benwell	Barbados
G. W. Groves	Maritime Covers
J. D. Riddell (3)	Hong Kong
	New Zealand
	Surinam
C. E. Donne	Gibraltar
K. J. A. 0. Manning	Antigua
W. H. Skrine	Mauritius
J. D. Todd	Chile
E. V. Toeg	Leeward Is.
R. Ward	Netherlands

Certificates of Participation

A.T.Elliott	Ascension
I.M. Paton	Leeward Is
Miss A. Whitehead	(Thematics - Painters)

The invited exhibits occupied four frames, the material for which was contributed by five members - A. A. Hershman and V. N. F. Surtees (JAMAICA and P. T. Saunders (CAYMAN ISLANDS). Miss R. Titford and Dr. R. H. Urwick (ST. CHRISTOPHER).

SALES CIRCUIT

Once again I regret there is little to report from the Packet angle. A small one was circulated in June, and I hope to find sufficient material to make up another this month.

Unfortunately, there have been several complaints regarding the state of the packet on receipt by various members. You will appreciate some twenty sendings through the post for each packet puts rather a heavy strain on packings, but in addition, I am afraid some members are not as careful as they might be when handling and forwarding Packets. Therefore, may I appeal to all to try and make sure the Packets are adequately packed and wrapped before posting to the next member. I hope to obtain some boxes in the near future, and these should help to protect material during circulation.

As usual, more material is required for circulation, as the darker evenings approach what about sorting out those duplicates you have been going to check over and dispose of for so long ?

W. H. H. CROW

OBITUARY

It is with great regret we have to record the passing of our member Dr. Richard Rubner. He was well known to many of our Northern members, being a member of both the Bradford and Leeds Philatelic Societies. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his widow in her sad loss.

NOTES AND QUERIES

I would like to impress on all that the Circle relies to a great extent on a regular flow of contributions from members to make this Bulletin. Lately contributions have been in short supply and if this trend continues I shall not have enough material to produce the next issue in its present form. May I therefore appeal to these members who have "good intentions" to put them on paper and send them to me - PLEASE.

BRITISH WEST INDIES

I have recently obtained a copy of the 1939 edition of the Leeward Islands Post Office Guide. The following list of post offices appeared on page 10 of this guide. Money Order offices are indicated with an asterisk (*).

ANTIGUA
*St. John's (GPO)
All Saints
*Barbuda
Bendals
Bolans
Cedar Grove
Green Bay
Gunthorpes
Johnson Point
Liberta
Montpelier
Old Road
Pares
Parham

DOMINICA

*Roseau (GPO)
Castle Bruce
Colihaut
Delices
Grandbay
Laplaine
Mahaut
Marigot
*Portsmouth
Pte. Michel
Rosalie
St. Joseph
Soufriere
Vieille Case

MONTSERRAT
•Plymouth (GPO)
Cudjoe
Head Harris
Salem
St. John's

ST. CHRISTOPHER*NEVIS
*Basseterre (GPO)
Cayon
*Charlestown
Dieppe Bay
Old Road
*Sandy Point
*The Valley

VIRGIN ISLANDS
*Road Town
Anegada
East End
Virgin Gorda
West End

H. M. Daggett

CAYMAN ISLANDS

RURAL POSTS

From time to time I receive enquiries from members who specialise in the stamps and postal history of these islands whether the cancellation 'EAST END - Grand Cayman-RURAL - Post Gollection' is rare. The answer is that it is not, the 'G' in '*G*ollection' being a normal abnormality. All the examples in my collection and the many I have seen elsewhere show the 'G' and there is no record of an example with 'Collection' spelt correctly with a 'C.'

P. T. Sounders

JAMAICA

Unrecorded Variety. In response to Mr. A. H. Johnson's query in Bulletin No. 26, page 50, Messrs. L. P. Voller, Howard J. Gaston and H. B. Macmillan have been good enough to forward information regarding this variety. It would seem that the "pipe" varies in length and can be generally sorted into short and long exhausts pipes. It appears to be constant and can be found on the first stamp of the bottom row, left hand corner of the sheet.

Editor

LEEWARD ISLANDS

Mr. E. V. Toeg is quite right when he corrects me for saying that "duplex" stamps were used in effect all the islands of the Leeward group - I should have said "killers". The only true duplex stamps would seem to be those used in Nevis but in conjunction with a c.d.s. though not a duplex. In St. Kitts the A12 killer is used with c.d.s. St. Kitts CA (Cayon), St. Kitts DB (Dieppe Bay) and probably St. Kitts OR (Old Road).

G. L. Pilkington

Do not fail to read the details of the varied material offered by our advertisers whose support is much appreciated. If you have any 'wants' they will welcome a list of them, mentioning the B.W.I. Study Circle Bulletin.

MONTSERRAT

Crowned Circle Marks. I recently submitted to our Secretary, for an opinion, a cover of 1884 from Montserrat to St. Kitts. This cover bears on the front the following marks:-

1) 'Paid at Montserrat' crowned circle in red.
2) St. Kitts single ring receiving mark of 1st January 1884.
3) Letter ' R ' in oval (registration mark) with manuscript figures 694.

This cover was forwarded to Major Adrian E. Hopkins, who confirmed that the handstamps appeared to be genuine, but in spite of this considered the cover basically wrong. Can any member supply further information on such a late use (1884) of a crowned circle mark in this Colony, where stamps had been in use since 1876 ?

W. K. Watson

TRINIDAD

II. Registration Envelopes

Sizes: F 5¼" x 3¼", G 6" x 3¾"; K 11½" x 6".

1. 1880 - printed by McCorquodale. Without value expressed and without name of colony. Inscription on obverse in blue, and on the flap an arched panel with FOR REGISTRATION ONLY in block letters in plain relief on a green ground.

No value expressed: green and blue: sizes F, G, K.

2. 18th June, 1884 - regular issue printed by McCorquodale, with embossed stamp on the flap.

2d. grey-blue to blue; sizes F, G.

Both sizes (in a grey-blue shade) exist with the embossed stamp overprinted with small serifed SPECIMEN in black, 11¼ mm. long.

Note: the McCorquodale imprint varies slightly in style.

3. 1890 or earlier - as last, but printed by De La Rue. Slightly different in shape, the main characteristic being that the flap now has a rounded tongue.

2d. grey-blue: sizes F, G.

4. 1890 - local modification to last issue. A line of perforations was rim across the right-hand side through the flap and the two thicknesses of the envelope.

The perforation gauges 11¼. There was an additional inscription on the back aid the flap was overprinted TO WITHDRAW CONTENTS CUT AWAY PER-FORATED PORTION OF ENVELOPE in thick block capitals in red, two lines.

2d. grey-blue to blue; sizes F, G.

5. ?1893 - as last, but with a red line in place of the perforations and with the overprint on the flap now reading TO WITHDRAW CONTENTS CUT ENVELOPE / ACROSS RED LINE, again in thick block capitals in red, in two lines.

2d. grey-blue to blue; sizes F, G.

Variety: with line of perforations in addition to red line; size G.

6. 1895 - new type with the embossed flap now folding over on to the address side of the envelope.

2d. grey-blue to blue; sizes F, G.

7. 1902 - design as last, but with head of K.E. VII.

2d. dark blue; sizes F, G.

Size F, and, no doubt, size G also, exists overprinted SPECIMEN as for the Edwardian Postcards.

III. Wrappers

1. 18th June, 1884 - regular issue designed and printed by De La Rue on buff wove paper 12" x 5", gummed and tapered at the upper end.

½d. green.

1d. carmine.

2. ?11th February, 1885 - provisional issue. The 1d wrapper of the previous issue surcharged in black HALFPENNY, 14½ mm. long in block letters, and with four (or five) horizontal lines across the original value.

½d. black surcharge on 1d. carmine.

Variety: with five horizontal lines across the original value.

Note: I have seen examples with HALFPENNY measuring 17½ mm. in length which were apparently forgeries, though I do not as yet entirely rule out the possibility of genuine examples existing with this 17½ mm. surcharge.

3. 1902-04 - as before but with head of K.E. VII.

½.d. green (1902).

1d. carmine (1904).

Both exist overprinted SPECIMEN as for the Edwardian Postcards.

Confirmation of the dates of issue, where uncertain, and any further information would be much appreciated.

]. B. Marriott.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Whether you attended or were only able to read about the London International Stamp Exhibition you will know it was a great success. The many facets embraced in its organisation necessitated it being a team effort and I know it would be our members wish for our Circle to extend its thanks to all for the good work they carried out which culminated in giving pleasure to collectors from all over the world. Following the announcement in the last issue of the bulletin of the increase in the annual subscription to £1 ($3 non-sterling countries) in 1961 a fresh Bankers' Order Form has been sent to all those members who have kindly co-operated by adopting this method of payment. Needless to say I hope they will each 'sign on the dotted line' and forward to the bank in due course. Now that autumn is with us once again time will be found to look at our stamps and I would urge you to inform our Editor of any interesting item you come across or of any point upon which you would like an explanation. The 'Notes and Queries' section of the bulletin is there for your benefit so do please make use of it. The following have been enrolled since our last issue to all of whom the Circle extends a hearty welcome: A. H. Baker, H. K. Bate (U.S.A.), D. G. Cartwright, J. J. Challis, Ralph E. Group (U.S.A.), J. A. C. Herbert, R. E. Hershman, J. F. Hine G. F. Rowney and W. N. Trenerry (U.S.A.).

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RESEARCH LEADERS

In Bulletin No. 23, page 71, a list of Research Leaders was published for the information of members. Since October 1959 the following members have kindly undertaken to act as Research Leaders:

P. T. Saunders Cayman Islands
J. J. Challis Turks & Caicos Islands

Members who have information likely to be of interest to the Circle are asked to get in touch with the respective Research Leader, through the Hon. Secretary or Editor.

B.W.I.S.C. PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Sub-Committee has been recently working on the Circle's next publication - The Handstruck Stamps & Cancellations of Barbados. The draft of this publication is now nearing completion, but before going to press we should like to hear from any member who may be able to contribute information to this book. Members whose collections cover the Field of Barbados postmarks are particularly asked to get in touch with either Messrs. L. E. Britnor or B. B. Benwell.

Editor

REVIEW

"The Road to Philately."*

Numerous books have been written to aid the beginner and new collector - all excellent in themselves - but here is a new work with an entirely different approach. It can be best described as a progressive course in elementary philately, designed to bridge the gap between the philatelic primer and advanced specialist works. Remarkably comprehensive, it is well written in a style and method hitherto unattempted on this very wide subject and will prove invaluable to stamp collectors who have already made a good beginning, - in fact, it will be of interest to all collectors. Wherever possible the catalogue numbers of both Gibbons and Scotts have been included and applied to the majority of different stamps mentioned throughout the book. Philatelic terms and expressions are fully explained in well defined appendices.

R.S.

*The Road to Philately. By F. S. J. Jordan.
212 pp. including 24 pages of illustrations. Published by H. E. Wingfield & Co., 392 Strand, London, and W.C.2. Price 15/- (Postage and packing 1/6 extra).

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